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REMARKS:

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1-6, and 9-19 remain pending in this case. Claims 1, 4-6, 11, 14-17, and 19 have been amended to further clarify the wellbore fluid.



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IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION:

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112(2):

Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1-6 and 9-18 as being indefinite, contending that the phrase "wherein the monovalent cation salt is substantially free of divalent cations" is vague and confusing. Examiner maintains that it is unclear how a monovalent cation salt compound can contain a divalent cation in the first place. Applicant deleted this element from the claims, rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the above, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 and 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112(2), and ask that the Examiner indicate the allowance of the claims in the next paper from the Office.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00404US.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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